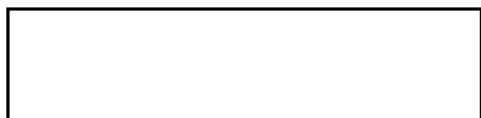


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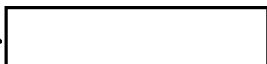
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Houston, Texas

STATOTHR

Dear



Thank you for your letter of 13 October 1970 enclosing a newspaper article which makes a number of allegations concerning the Central Intelligence Agency.

As you may know, the Central Intelligence Agency does not comment on the various allegations which are made in the press and elsewhere with regard to its activities. I can appreciate the reasons for your concern, but I can assure you that the Agency is the subject of detailed oversight both in the Executive Branch and in the Congress. In addition to the supervision which it receives directly from the President and the National Security Council, CIA is responsive to the supervision of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board and its budget receives detailed attention from the Office of Management and Budget.

In the Congress, Subcommittees of the Armed Services and Appropriations Committees in the House and Senate keep themselves informed with regard to the Agency.

Although public disclosure of CIA's activities may not be possible, I think your concern may be abated somewhat by the fact that it is subject to this close scrutiny and operates under the direction and control of those elected and appointed officials who are entrusted with the policy-making responsibilities of our Government.

On the assumption that you would be interested in the mission of the Agency and the statutory authority under which it operates, I am enclosing for your interest a pamphlet on the Agency.

I appreciate your writing to me concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

Enclosure